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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. -NORWEGIAN CONSULTATION

1. I NOTE FROM COPENHAGEN 2449 THAT YOU PLAN TO GO THERE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AFTER OUR LONDON MEETING. I FULLY APPRECIATE DEMANDS MADE UPON YOU AT THIS TIME BUT NEVERTHELESS URGE YOU TO STOP BY OSLO FOR A DAY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WHILE YOU ARE THIS CLOSE.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE OFFICE AROUND OCTOBER 15. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHO THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE, BUT WHOEVER IT IS I AM SURE HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU SO EARLY IN HIS ADMINISTRATION. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, IT IS GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR US TO DO ALL WE CAN TO STENGTHEN THIS NEW MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE VOCIFEROUS LEFTIST BLOC IN THE PARLIAMENT. BOTH FOR THAT REASON, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING LABOR UP TO DATE ON OUR THINKING ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, I THINK A DAY'S CONSULTATIONS HERE WOULD BE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE. THERE WERE NO HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS HERE FROM THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE 1971-72 LABOR GOVERNMENT; IF YOU WERE ABLE TO COME HERE ON OCTOBER 19 OR 20, YOUR TALKS WOULD HELP SET THE TONE

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